

In The Works- Huntington Beach Public Works

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Did You Know?

The City of Huntington Beach operates and maintains over 120 traffic signals?

Bikeway Planning Moves to the Forefront

The City of Huntington Beach has taken the first steps towards preparing a citywide Bikeway Master Plan. Staff across several departments and interested citizens have completed the selection of a recommended consultant after a thorough proposal and interview process and will be finalizing the contract in the next couple of weeks. The effort is expected to result in a plan that will guide the development and maintenance of a comprehensive and connected system of

bicycle facilities. The plan will build on our current network of bike lanes, paths and bike parking. It will also consider the use of other recent developments in bikeway systems to encourage cycling, improve bicycle safety and encourage acceptance of bikes and motor vehicles sharing roadways.

The Bikeway Master Plan's goal is to identify the highest priority steps the City can take to make HB a more bicycle friendly community. Completion of the plan will not only

provide a blueprint for integrating bicycling in our facility planning, it will also enable the City to pursue grant funding to help accelerate the implementation of the plan. The project is being funded through our annual fund allocation from the Air Quality Management District for use in efforts to reduce the production of emissions into the environment.

Sewer Lateral Program

Effective January 3, 2008, the City instituted a new policy regarding the repair and maintenance of sewer lateral lines. The City is now responsible for the portion of all sewer laterals from the City-owned sewer main through the public right-of-way to the private property line. The property owner remains responsible for all costs of repair and maintenance of that portion of the sewer lateral on private property.

Sewer Lateral Program Procedure:

1. A property owner experiencing problems with their sewer lateral calls the Public Works Utilities Division (714-536-5921) to notify them of a concern with their sewer lateral line.

2. The Utilities Division contacts the property owner informing them that the sewer lateral must be cleaned and videoed by a qualified contractor. The property owner will be responsible for the initial cost of the video.

3. Utilities Division staff reviews the video to determine if a repair is needed and whether the needed repairs are within the City-owned right-of-way.

4. Depending on the situation there are two options for repair:

1) Slip lining both the sewer line at the public right-of-way and on the homeowner's private property leaving the parkway tree intact. In this case, the city arborist needs to determine that the integrity of

the tree will not be impacted by the repairs made to the sewer line. The homeowner is responsible for the cost of slip lining the sewer line on their private property.

2) In a case where it is determined that the tree must be removed to complete the repair and it falls within the City's responsibility, the City will initiate repairs at the City's cost and reimburse the cost of the video to the property owner.

Questions regarding the Sewer Lateral Program should be directed to the Public Works Utilities Division at 714-536-5921.

Fleet Operations Training Grant

The City of Huntington Beach has applied and been accepted into the AB 118 program funding. This will provide Huntington Beach Fleet Operations Staff approximately 1,440 hours of training over the next two years. Fifteen employees will each receive 96 hours of service and repair training in the areas of Hybrid, Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), Liquefied Propane Gas (LPG), Biofuel, Fuel Cell, and Electric Vehicle Technology. This training

is being provided at no cost to the city or colleges involved. The cost savings to the City of Huntington Beach is estimated to be \$47,000.

AB 118 Training Program is administered by the California Employment Training Panel (ETP) in partnership with the California Energy Commission (CEC). The overall goal of the AB 118 Program is to support a transition from petroleum-based transportation to alter-

native and renewable fuels and clean, low carbon vehicle technologies. Training will be held at Cerritos College's Advanced Transportation Technology and Energy (ATTE) Center. Key areas of learning include Advanced Transportation and Renewable Energies such as Alternative Fuels, Transportation Strategy, Engine Technology, and Alternative Energy.

Edison Park Improvements Completed

If you have driven by the Edison Community Complex near Magnolia and Hamilton lately, you may have noticed some welcomed improvements. Phase I of the Edison Community Complex improvements has recently been completed. This project consisted of three new lighted soccer practice fields, a new parking lot on Magnolia with drop-off/loading area, landscaping, irrigation, block walls, and new switchgear and controls for all of

the sports field lighting. The new parking lot provides additional on-site parking and improved access to the sports facilities and to the covered picnic areas. The soccer fields provide a much needed practice facilities for the local youth. The soccer fields will be available for general public use in January 2012. The project was funded by a grant from the State of California, and was a joint effort of the Community Services Department and the Department of Public Works. The general contractor was States Link Construction, Inc. from Buena Park, CA.



Spotlight on PW Employee- Jason Thomson

Jason Thomson has been a Facilities Maintenance Technician with the City of Huntington Beach for the past 5 years. He has proven time and again to be a valuable asset to the City by providing exceptional customer service and a wonderful work ethic. He has a tremendous amount of pride in doing things "the right way" the "first time". He is self-motivated and a self-learner. Jason is innovative in his approach to solving complex problems and in his ability to create new and cost saving ideas and processes.

Jason helps to ensure that City facilities are well maintained and that building systems and equipment function properly. He is highly skilled and performs complex maintenance work on buildings, lighting and electrical systems, heating & air conditioning equipment and other building equipment systems. Jason

also sets up and provides technical support for special events and activities held at various City venues including the Civic Center, Senior Center and Pier Plaza.

Not only is Jason an employee of the City of Huntington Beach, he is also a 14 year resident. He has been married for 18 years and has a 14-year old daughter. His most prized leisure activity is spending time with his daughter and cheering her on at her softball games. When time permits, Jason also enjoys remodeling his home and helping neighbors with

their home improvement projects.

Jason received the Mayor's Award on September 19, 2011 and is shown in the photo with former Mayor Joe Carchio, Public Works Director Travis Hopkins, his daughter and family and fellow Public Works staff members.



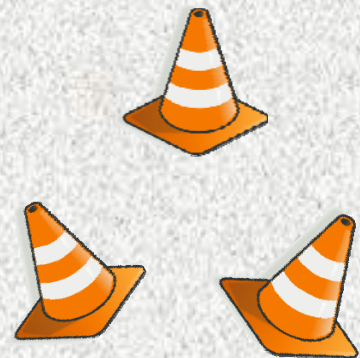
Construction Management

Ever wonder who to contact or who's in charge of most of the construction projects taking place on your street, major roadways, City buildings and parks? It's Public Works Engineering and specifically, the Construction Engineering Section. These projects are managed with in-house staff and the assistance of professional consultants who specialize in construction management. Work includes major project management, construction quality assurance, contract administration, and inspection related to capital improvement projects. Typical projects include arterial highway reha-

bilitation and reconstruction, drainage, sewer, and water improvements and special projects such as parks, sport complexes, and major building rehabilitation projects; in essence all of the City's Capital Improvements Program.

Construction Engineering also provides contract administration and construction inspection to ensure contract compliance, quality control and timely completion of these projects as well as limiting as much as possible the impacts to residents and traffic. You can look at most of the active projects by visiting the City's website <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/>

under Public Works Construction in Progress or you can use the "surfcity pipeline" to make inquiries in writing (just look under "Ask Us") or call the Construction Section at (714) 536-5431.



Who to call:

For issues with my water/trash bill or to set up service
Water Billing at (714) 536-5919

To request a tree to be trimmed Parks, Trees, Landscape
Division at (714) 536-5480

To request a Public Works Inspection for curb/gutter, line/
grade, final Engineering Desk at (714) 536-5431 (All
inspections require 48-hour notice)

To report graffiti City Yard (714) 960-8861

To get a permit to park my RV on the street Police Depart-
ment at (714) 536-5665

For a building inspection, Flood Zone info or a Building
Permit Building Department at (714) 536-5271

If my streetlight is out SCE at (800) 655-4555

For Beach Parking Passes, to reserve a park, or register for
a City activity or class Community Services at (714) 536-
5486

To file a claim against the City, for records information, or
passport information City Clerk at (714) 536-5227

For a Business License call (714) 536-5267

Other Information & Agencies

When is street sweeping? Go to <http://hbmaps.surfcity-hb.org/viewer.htm>

The Social Security Office is in Fountain Valley at 17075
Newhope Street, Suite B (714) 966-2466 www.ssa.gov

County offices for Birth/Death Certificates, Marriage Li-
censes, and other County services are located in Santa Ana
on Civic Center Drive (714) 834-5400 www.oc.ca.gov

Animal Control (714) 935-6848 www.ocpetinfo.com

Rainbow Disposal (714) 847-3581

Orange County Sanitation District (714) 962-4211

Vector Control (714) 971-2421

Public Works, Engineering
2000 Main Street, 1st Floor
Huntington Beach, CA 92648
(714) 536-5431

Promotions & Certifications

Recent Promotions

Glenn Fedonick from Marine Equipment Mechanic to Equipment/Automotive Maintenance Leadworker

Craig Miller from Mechanic II to Equipment/Automotive Maintenance Leadworker

Terry Tintle from Leadworker in Signs and Markings to Crewleader in Signs and Markings

Vince Madrid - from Water Distribution Maintenance Leadworker to Water Distribution Maintenance Crewleader

Albert Zuniga - from Water Service Worker to Water Distribution Maintenance Leadworker

Jason Jarosek - from Wastewater Maintenance Service Worker to Wastewater Equipment Operator

Greg Guitierrez - from Tree Equipment Operator to Tree Maintenance Crewleader

Recent Certifications

Alfonso Calderon passed his Water Treatment I Certification

German Anguiano, Chris Ramirez, Valentin Espinoza and Fernando Cuevas passed their Water Treatment II Certifications

David Rico passed his Water Treatment III Certification

Tony Valez passed his Water Treatment IV Certification

Congratulations!